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Inventors: Leonid HANIN et al) Docket No.: 116686-00271
Title: HEAT EXCHANGE DEVICE)

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 7, 2006, Applicants, through undersigned counsel, hereby elect Invention I, Claims 1-20 for prosecution. The election is made *with* traverse.

MPEP §803 provides as follows:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions.

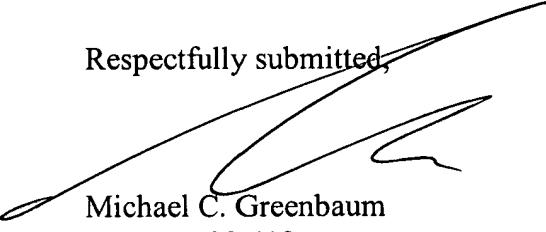
Therefore, the Applicants respectfully submit that any burden in the search and examination of the entire application, as opposed to a single one of inventions I-II would be *de minimis*.

The present traversal should not be construed as an admission that the inventions are not patentably distinct. In the event that the restriction requirement is maintained, the Applicants reserve the full protection of 35 U.S.C. §121 against double-patenting rejections.

If any issues remain that can be overcome most easily through a telephone communication, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Please charge any shortage or credit any overpayment of fees to BLANK ROME LLP, Deposit Account No. 23-2185 (116686-00271). In the event that a petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted herewith and in the event that a separate petition does not accompany this Response or is insufficient to render this Response timely, the Applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Any fee due is authorized above.

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